

We claim:

1. A submersible anode, comprising:
 - a support structure;
 - 5 a conductive element comprising a matrix material and conductive particles supported within said matrix material; and
 - a conductor connected in electrical communication with said conductive element, said conductor being connectable to an electrical power supply.
- 10 2. The anode of claim 1, wherein:
 - 15 said conductive element comprises a matrix of vinyl ester with graphite particles disposed within said matrix.
3. The anode of claim 1, wherein:
 - 15 said support structure is attachable to a component of a marine vessel.
4. The anode of claim 3, wherein:
 - 15 said component of said marine vessel is a transom of said marine vessel.
- 20 5. The anode of claim 1, wherein:
 - 15 said support structure is a polymer.
6. The anode of claim 1, further comprising:
 - 25 a sealing material disposed proximate said conductive element to prevent moisture from contacting said conductor.

7. A submersible anode, comprising:

 a nonconductive support structure;

 a conductive element comprising a polymer matrix material and conductive particles supported within said polymer matrix material, said nonconductive

5 support structure being shaped to receive and support said conductive element;

 a conductor connected in electrical communication with said conductive element, said conductor being connectable to an electrical power supply;

 a sealing material disposed proximate said conductive element to prevent moisture from contacting said conductor.

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8. The anode of claim 7, wherein:

 said conductive element comprises a matrix of vinyl ester with graphite particles disposed within said matrix.

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9. The anode of claim 8, wherein:

 said support structure is attachable to a component of a marine vessel.

10. The anode of claim 9, wherein:

 said component of said marine vessel is a transom of said marine vessel.

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11. The anode of claim 10, wherein:

 said support structure is a polymer.

12. A submersible marine anode, comprising:

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 a polymer support structure;

a conductive element comprising a polymer matrix material and conductive particles supported within said polymer matrix material, said polymer support structure being shaped to receive and support said conductive element;

5 a conductor connected in electrical communication with said conductive element, said conductor being connectable to an electrical power supply;

a sealing material disposed proximate said conductive element to prevent moisture from contacting said conductor.

13. The anode of claim 12, wherein:

10 said conductive element comprises a matrix of vinyl ester with graphite particles disposed within said matrix.

14. The anode of claim 13, wherein:

said support structure is attachable to a component of a marine vessel.

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15. The anode of claim 14, wherein:

said component of said marine vessel is a transom of said marine vessel.

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